of tribal people in the country, including the North Eastern region. The list of Schemes/Programmes of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, being implemented in the country, including the North Eastern Region, is given in the Statement. Refer to the Statement appended to the answer of unstarred Question No. 739.

Development of Towns

†742. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the National Urban Renewal Mission a scheme has been chalked out by Government for development of towns;

(b) if so, the extent of population of the towns to be developed under this Mission;

(c) the number of towns which would be developed under this plan and the time taken for such developments;

(d) the regions planned to be developed under this Mission; and

(e) the estimated expenditure for implementation of the entire plan?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e) There is proposal to establish National Urban Renewal Mission in order to provide reform linked Central assistance to select cities for infrastructural development. Details of the Mission have not been finalised.

Unification of Centrally Sponsored Schemes

743. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to bring the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of infrastructure development in mega cities and Integrated Development of Small and Medium Town scheme under one umbrella;

(b) if so, whether the unified schemes would push forward reforms agenda, and the State Governments desirous of accessing funds under scheme have to enter into a memorandum of agreement with the centre;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.